



STATE OF MICHIGAN
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION OVERSIGHT
MICHELLE A. McMANUS, CHAIR

APRIL 2, 2007

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 12:37 p.m. in 405 Capitol Building.

Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight members present: **McManus (C), Brown, Jacobs, Schauer.**

Excused: **Jansen**

Senator McManus requested a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2007.

Senator Brown moved and **Senator Schauer** seconded that the committee approve the minutes.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus announced we would be discussing the new versions of Senate Bills 3, 284 and 285. She asked **Shelly Edgerton** to give an explanation of the new versions:

SB 3 (Hardiman)

This bill has been substituted into an S-1 to provide for a definition of an "automated telephonic communication" – robo call. These are only the pre-recorded calls and are not the live bank calls. The "do not call" list provision has been removed.

SB 284 (S-2) (Richardville)

This bill has been amended to clarify what type of disclaimer is needed for either a candidate or ballot question committee when a robo call is made. Calls must state who is paying for the call and if it is with "regulated funds."

SB 285 (S-2) (McManus)

This bill will be substituted to provide clarification of Section 47 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act that deals with disclaimers and to add new technologies – web sites and satellite radio to the list of things that will require a disclaimer when used in a campaign.

Senator McManus invited **Patricia Donath** of the League of Women Voters of Michigan to testify. **Ms. Donath** testified in support Senate Bill 284. She explained that the League advocates for better disclosure of campaign finances and this bill addresses that issue. **Ms. Donath** also expressed concerns over narrowing the definition of automated telephones. Requested the committee look closely at this issue. There were no questions from committee members.

Senator McManus acknowledged that representatives from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters were present, but they did not wish to speak.

Senator McManus requested a motion to adopt a Substitute for Senate Bill 3.

Senator Brown moved and **Senator Jacobs** seconded that the committee adopt a Substitute for Senate Bill 3.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus requested a motion to report Senate Bill 3 version S1 to the Committee of the Whole with recommendation for Immediate Effect.

Senator Brown motioned and **Senator Jacobs** seconded that the committee report Senate Bill 3 version S1 to the Committee of the Whole with recommendation for Immediate Effect.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus requested a motion to adopt a Substitute for Senate Bill 284.

Senator Brown moved and **Senator Jacobs** seconded that the committee adopt a Substitute for Senate Bill 284.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus requested a motion to report Senate Bill 284 version S2 to the Committee of the Whole with recommendation for Immediate Effect.

Senator Brown motioned and **Senator Jacobs** seconded that the committee report Senate Bill 284 version S2 to the Committee of the Whole with recommendation for Immediate Effect.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus requested a motion to adopt a Substitute for Senate Bill 285.

Senator Brown moved and **Senator Jacobs** seconded that the committee adopt a Substitute for Senate Bill 285 version S2.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus requested a motion to adopt an amendment offered by **Senator Jacobs**.

Senator Jacobs moved and **Senator Brown** seconded that the committee adopt the Jacobs amendment for Senate Bill 285 version S2.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus requested a motion to adopt an amendment offered by **Senator McManus**.

Senator McManus moved and **Senator Brown** seconded that the committee adopt the McManus amendment for Senate Bill 285 version S2.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus requested a motion to report Senate Bill 285 version S3 to the Committee of the Whole with recommendation for Immediate Effect.

Senator Brown motioned and **Senator Schauer** seconded that the committee report Senate Bill 285 version S3 to the Committee of the Whole with recommendation for Immediate Effect.

Yeas: **McManus, Brown, Jacobs, Schauer**

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator McManus asked for an excuse for Senator Jansen. There were no objections.

Senator McManus adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Walker
Committee Clerk

Senator Michelle A. McManus
Chair Person

Approved by Committee on _____